

### *Discusses Transportation Improvements and American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Success*

Carlsbad, NM- Today, Congressman Harry Teague joined New Mexico Secretary of Transportation Gary L. J. Giron and New Mexico State Transportation Chairman Johnny Cope at the first quarterly meeting of the Carlsbad Chamber of Commerce. Teague discussed the successes of transportation funding in New Mexico provided by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

“In addition to long term infrastructure investments and hundreds of jobs created here in Eddy County, I was told last week that over 60 homes have been built in Carlsbad in the last year and a half, the potash mines are looking at hiring more workers, and May 2010 was the greatest gross tax receipts for Carlsbad in its history,” Harry Teague said at the meeting today. “I am proud to have supported the Recovery Act, and I am proud to see that it has created jobs and made an impact in communities like Carlsbad.”

Recovery Act funding was used for important infrastructure growth and job creation in Carlsbad and Eddy County, including the addition of a second lane to the US 62/180 to promote tourism and commerce, reconstruction of the Greene Street Roadway, and the reconstruction of a vital road leading to the Department of Energy’s Waste Isolation Pilot Plant, which created 313 jobs in southeastern New Mexico as a direct result of the Recovery Act.

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